

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 23 with the following:

An instrument holder 5 is movable up or down along the vertical guide column 2. The instrument holder 5 has an opening 6 to receive a holder ring 6 and a bracket portion 7. The bracket portion 7 embraces the vertical guide column 2 along a semi-circle. The bracket portion 7 has bracket arms with free ends reaching around both sides of the vertical guide column. The rearward-facing ends of the bracket arms are connected by a flat transverse brace 10. The transverse brace 10 is attached to the ends of the fork-like arms of the bracket 7, for example with screws.